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## Kootenai Creek Bridge Detour Route

Outline of May 6, 2008 Discussions – Prepared by Tom Coston

### Participants:

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Ron Nicholas, Office of Emergency Management, Ravalli County  
Elenita Brown  
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### Principal Terms and Conditions for use of Brown and Coston properties for detour:

Note: These are the general terms and conditions required by Brown/Coston for use of their properties for a proposed detour. This document does not serve as Brown/Coston agreement for use; it is merely for use in furthering discussion(s) and for framing out any required formal agreement(s).

It was discussed that the general intent and scope of work to be done on the proposed detour is to provide for a safe and reasonable road for passenger vehicles. In addition, the route and improvements to same would accommodate horse trailers and avoid loss of pasture usage for the time the detour is in use. At Ravalli County's recommendation, delivery vehicles and garbage pick-up and other commercial vehicles are not to be accommodated. U.S. Mail and newspaper delivery are accommodated as delivery is by passenger vehicle.

Specific Improvements Discussed – See Map Exhibit A for reference.

Ravalli County shall improve the road surface, from point "A" to point "I" (the entire length of the detour) with reasonable quantities of compactable aggregate material, grade to allow for proper drainage and apply a dust control agent prior to detour use.

Signage. "Speed limit" and "no smoking" signage is to be provided by Ravalli County. A speed limit of 5 MPH will be posted for Brown and Coston yards – otherwise a "Control Speed Please" posting will be provided at both ends of the proposed detour.

- 1) At point "B", the curve will be improved to accommodate movement of truck and horse trailers, taking care to not disturb underground water line.
- 2) At point "C", a new culvert or extension of existing culvert and fill material shall provide for straightening of the roadway. This work will also provide for a "turnout" at this location.

- 3) Pasture fence between points “D” and “E” will be relocated (moved south) to accommodate road surface against the tree-line. This will prevent the need for opening and closing of gates and provide for use of pasture for the period of time the detour is in use. At point “D” the relocation of fence shall accommodate safe access to ditch for stock water use. Specific fencing material and layout to be discussed. Note: Re-use of existing steel fence posts is questionable – replacement with quality wooden posts is desired. Existing gates to be utilized. All improvements will remain in place after use of detour.
- 4) The culvert at point “F” shall be replaced. Coston to provide new culvert, Ravalli County to install.
- 5) At point “G” a turnout can be easily accommodated.
- 6) Improvements (in addition to general surface improvements noted above) to road surface between points “H” and “I” (Kootenai Court) to be discussed further. Possible cost sharing by residents of Kootenai Court and Bridle Trail. Ohnstad and Coston to explore.

Time frame for work to be performed: During the period June 14 through July 13, activities at the Brown Ranch can not accommodate work on the proposed detour. Work on the proposed detour would have to be completed prior to June 14, or between July 14 and the opening of the proposed detour. Any of the work between points “D” and “I” can be accommodated at any time, as long as all access to the work is from Sharrott Hill Loop / Kootenai Court.

Ravalli County to provide full legal indemnification and related insurance needs to Brown and Coston families for County and resident use of detour.

Ravalli County to draft letter to residents of West Kootenai Creek outlining “rules of detour use”.